

*"We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly."*  
– Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

## Program Description

The Peace Studies program offers an interdisciplinary approach to the study of peace and conflict that takes students into the community and brings the community into the classroom. Faculty and students work together to create dynamic learning communities that cultivate compassion and develop the knowledge and skills to engage complex, real-world issues. Faculty design and promote active learning environments, encouraging independent and collaborative projects that reflect students' personal passions and commitments. While some students choose to focus on local civic engagement projects and initiatives, others are drawn to work nationally and internationally. The program approaches the study of peace and conflict holistically—with attention to personal and social transformation, to the needs of individuals, communities, and the global commons.

Drawing upon a multiplicity of academic disciplines, community-based learning, and field work, the Peace Studies Department offers a Bachelor of Arts degree in Peace Studies, as well as a minor in Peace Studies.

## BA in Peace Studies Requirements\*

### Required Courses

PAX250	Introduction to Peace and Conflict Studies (3)
PAX335e	Nonviolence: The Global Citizen and Contemplative Life (3)
PAX340	Conflict Transformation: Theory and Practice (3)
PAX345	Skills for Peacebuilding: Leadership, Restorative Justice, and Dialogue (3)
PAX450	Internship (3)
PAX480	Senior Project (3)
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>18</b>

### Choose 3 credits from History and Politics of Social Change:

PAX415	Gender, Politics, and Social Change (3)
PAX425	Law, Human Rights, and Social Change (3)
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>

### Choose 3 credits from International Perspectives:

PAX360	International Affairs (3)
PAX445	Border Studies: Lower Rio Grande Border Witness Immersion (3)
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>

### Choose 3 credits from Themes in Peace and Conflict Studies:

EDU352	Poverty Matters (3)
ENV355	Environmental Justice (3)
REL312	Spiritual Models of Social Action (3)
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>

### Choose 9 credits from Interdisciplinary Explorations:

ART380	The Cinema of Exile and Diaspora (3)
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EDU352	Poverty Matters (3)
ENV253	Environmental Economics (3)
ENV318	Deep Ecology (3)
ENV355	Environmental Justice (3)
PAX445	Border Studies: Lower Rio Grande Border Witness Immersion (3)
PSYB373	Social Psychology (3)
PSYB359	Learning from Trauma: Understanding Its Effects and Building Personal Resources (3)
REL212	Queer Theory, Feminism, and Religion (3)
REL312	Spiritual Models of Social Action (3)
WRI380	Eco-Lit (3)
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b>36</b>

*\*This fact sheet describes the 2011–12 curriculum for the Peace Studies major. Naropa University faculty and staff are committed to regular review and revision of the curriculum, to reflect new findings and understandings in the field, feedback from alumni and the professional community, and faculty expertise. Please inquire with the Office of Admissions and/or the School of Natural and Social Sciences for any curricular changes that are being considered for future academic years.*

## Minor in Peace Studies

### Required Courses

PAX250	Introduction to Peace and Conflict Studies (3)
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>

### Choose 9 credits from the following:

PAX335e	Nonviolence: The Global Citizen and Contemplative Life (3)
PAX340	Conflict Transformation: Theory and Practice (3)
PAX345	Skills for Peacebuilding: Leadership, Restorative Justice, and Dialogue (3)
PAX360	International Affairs (3)
PAX415	Gender, Politics, and Social Change (3)
PAX425	Law, Human Rights, and Social Change (3)
PAX445	Border Studies: Lower Rio Grande Border Witness Immersion (3)
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>9</b>

### TOTAL CREDITS 12

## Career Preparation

We anticipate that many of our students will pursue advanced degrees in peace and justice studies, conflict transformation, and related fields such as environmental leadership, gender and women's studies, journalism, education, public health, and the arts (documentary filmmaking, for example).

The major is designed to prepare students for work in a variety of settings—from providing direct service in non-governmental organizations (NGOs), to promoting human rights, educating for global awareness, and participating in grassroots political processes and advocacy. In their course

work, students gain theoretical knowledge of and practical experience in mediation and negotiation, dialogue and deliberation, nonviolent communication, and restorative justice.

Through internships and community-based learning, students develop skills and increase their capacity to work with a wide variety of organizations and populations; Peace Studies interns have worked with First Nations Institute, Dead Man Walking School Theatre Project, Denver Justice and Peace Committee, Global Response, Peace Jam Foundation, Rocky Mountain Peace and Justice Center, and KGNU, an independent, noncommercial community radio for Boulder, Denver, and beyond.

## Peace Studies Ranked Faculty

Candace Walworth

BA, University of Illinois; MA, Vermont College of Norwich University; PhD, Union Institute and University

Dr. Candace Walworth is an educator with more than thirty years of teaching experience in a variety of settings and disciplines. She has taught at an alternative high school, toured with a professional theater company, and offered a plethora of writing and literature courses in community colleges, prisons, and universities. Since 1991, she has been a member of the core faculty at Naropa. Her teaching and research interests include spiritually-based social action, the socially engaged imagination, and the practice of dialogue in conflict transformation. She received the President's Award for Outstanding faculty in 1993 and 1999 and the Student Union of Naropa (SUN) Faculty of the Year award in 2005 and 2008. She completed a doctorate in Interdisciplinary Studies with a concentration in Peace Studies in 2008. Under her leadership, the Peace Studies program has sponsored diverse educational forums for the community, including "Women's Leadership and Activism in the Muslim World" and the Dead Man Walking School Theatre Project. She has worked with a variety of community partners in the Front Range, giving students first-hand experience working locally on a range of issues related to peace, social justice, and environmental sustainability. Her interest in interfaith citizen-to-citizen peacebuilding initiatives has taken her to the Middle East with the Abraham Path Initiative and the Fellowship of Reconciliation.

## Ranked Faculty from Other Departments

Jeanine Canty (Environmental Studies), Deborah Young (Contemplative Education)

## Adjunct Faculty

John Whitehouse Cobb, Thomas B. Coburn, Ian Feinhandler, Gloria Nouel

## Declaring a Major in Peace Studies

Most students enter Naropa University as first-year students and declare a major after completing 30 credits. In addition to adhering to university requirements and deadlines, Peace Studies requires a meeting with the department chair.

## BA in Peace Studies Admission Requirements

### Campus Tours

You are strongly encouraged to visit Naropa University. Events for prospective students are scheduled every fall and spring. For more information see [www.naropa.edu/admissions/ugrad\\_events.cfm](http://www.naropa.edu/admissions/ugrad_events.cfm). The visitation coordinator will be happy to arrange for you to meet with an admissions counselor or a faculty member, visit a class or take a campus tour. Arapahoe Campus tours are offered Monday through Friday at 2 p.m. in the main lobby of the Administration Building. The visitation coordinator can be contacted at 303-546-3548 or 1-800-772-6951 or at [admissionevents@naropa.edu](mailto:admissionevents@naropa.edu). You can also use the online Visitation Request form or view our campus from the online tour.

## Priority Deadlines

Naropa University uses a rolling admission policy. Applicants may apply as early as September for summer and fall admission. Applications received between September 1 and the priority deadline will be given equal consideration. Applications received after the priority deadline will be reviewed on a space-available basis.

- January 15 for fall semester admission
- October 15 for spring semester admission

Please contact the Office of Admissions at 303-546-3572 or 1-800-772-6951 (within North America) for more information.

## Application Requirements

There are three ways of applying to Naropa University:

1. Apply online at [www.naropa.edu/apply](http://www.naropa.edu/apply) or [www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org).
2. Download the Naropa undergraduate application form at [www.naropa.edu/ugradapply](http://www.naropa.edu/ugradapply).
3. Request that an application be sent to you in the mail.

To apply for admission to the major in Peace Studies, the following is required:

1. Parts A and B of application form.
2. \$50 nonrefundable fee in the form of a check or money order, payable to "Naropa University." Applicant's name must be clearly indicated on the check.
3. Part C of the application form—three essays (all must be typed).
4. Official college transcripts for every university attended (must be sent in a sealed envelope from the registrar), showing proof of 30 semester credits.
5. Letter of recommendation from a teacher or guidance counselor. If you have been out of school for more than three years, please request a letter of recommendation from a supervisor. This letter must be on or attached to the form provided.
6. A phone or in-person interview.

If you have fewer than 30 semester credits, you must apply to Naropa University as an undeclared student. See [www.naropa.edu/ugradapply](http://www.naropa.edu/ugradapply) for specific admission requirements. If you have 30 or more semester credits, you may apply directly to the major.